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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 1, as follows:

After either creating or providing the authority models 12 for the components 14, if the actual components have not been fabricated, the workstation processing element can further encode the authority models ~~into~~ to thereby generate numerical control (NC) programs for the components. (Block 60). The workstation processing element can encode the authority models utilizing any of a number of different end encoder software systems, including Spatial Analyzer. From the NC programs, at least one machine tool can fabricate the components, as such is known to those skilled in the art. (Block 62).